



FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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Welcome back to Friday Night Facts! This was a busy week! The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism met this week and we hosted a site visit from our Program Officer from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The Commission represents the citizens of Indiana who are interested in volunteerism and community service from around the state. These dedicated volunteers give one day every other month to insure that volunteerism is promoted around the state and that community service is part of the everyday life of Hoosiers. If you know one of our Commissioners, let them know that you appreciate their efforts.

The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism (ICCSV) is responsible for:

- Recommending policies related to AmeriCorps*State, Citizen Corps, Learn and Serve America and other national service programs administered by the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI)
- Ensuring ongoing strategic planning and evaluation of the OFBCI's national service programs
- Serving as ambassadors on behalf of the ICCSV, representing key constituents to ICCSV, and representing the OFBCI to its constituents

The current members of the ICCSV are:

Rick Bentley, Indianapolis
Jack Brady, Project Leadership, Marion
Harry Brown, Greater Lafayette Volunteer Bureau, Lafayette
Les Carroll, Eli Lilly, Indianapolis
Lynn Coleman, Mayor's Office, South Bend
Mark Dobson, St. Joseph County Commissioner, South Bend
Gary Gilot, Mayor's Office, South Bend
Bill Grover, Indianapolis
Elizabeth Heintz, New Castle Henry County Chamber of Commerce, New Castle
Belinda Jones, Muncie
Phyllis Kincaid, Evansville
Louis Lopez, Corporation for National and Community Service State Office, Indianapolis
Jackie McCracken, Indiana Campus Compact, Indianapolis
Martin Moore, Moore Foundation, Indianapolis
James Perry, Indiana University, Indianapolis
David Reingold, Indiana University, Bloomington
Ann Schuster, Indianapolis
Carol Simonetti, Indiana Grantmakers Alliance, Indianapolis
Billy Sue Smith, 21st Century Scholars, New Albany
Tracy Souza, Cummings Engine, Columbus
Finis Springer, HMANIO, Inc., Gary
Michele Sullivan (For Dr. Suellen Reed), Department of Education, Indianapolis

Update from the Trenches

One of our newest members, Annette Vazquez, has this to say about how her first months have gone.

Through literacy PLUS, Annette Vazquez has found an avenue for her passion for helping the illiterate homeless in Indianapolis. She feels very strongly about the cause her organization serves and has found others equally passionate about serving the homeless, including her direct supervisor and some members of other organizations to whom her service work has led her. Annette believes that there are a lot of amazing people in Indianapolis and thinks that her organization is going to accomplish a lot of good deeds as the result of them. Annette's biggest struggle so far has been adapting her art background into something useful for her position. She has applied some skills but still needs to learn new ones and wishes sometimes that she had studied many different areas in school that would have prepared her for the duties she must currently fulfill. All in all, Annette looks forward to learning everything that the homeless neighbors have to teach her and says, "It feels good to know at the end of the day, that the past hours of the day were all spent on something worth it."



Rx For Indiana continues to serve many Hoosiers who are in need of assistance with the cost of their prescription drugs. Over 73,125 people have used Rx For Indiana to determine if they are eligible for assistance and almost 73% of those who have requested assistance have initially qualified for discounts.



Rx for Indiana continues to touch the lives of many Hoosiers. If you know someone who is struggling to pay for prescription drugs, suggest that they log on to www.rxforindiana.org or call 1-877-792-0765 to determine if they qualify for assistance.

Additionally, we have volunteers who are willing to provide training for your organization about Rx for Indiana. Please call 1317-233-4273 or 1-877-483-9275 to become a volunteer or to ask for a volunteer to provide training on the use of Rx for Indiana for your organization's meeting, conference, health fair or event.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's

Bureau; Demonstration Projects That Improve Child Well-Being by

Fostering Healthy Marriages Within Underserved Communities - DUE AUGUST 8, 2005

Announcement Type: Initial.

Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2005-ACF-ACYF-CA-0089.

CFDA Number: 93.670.

Due Date for Applications: Application is due August 8, 2005.

Executive Summary: This funding announcement seeks proposals that improve child well-being by removing barriers to and strengthening family formation and healthy marriage in underserved communities. The Children's Bureau believes that by designing strategies to target funding for healthy marriage activities to community-based agencies in underserved communities where high rates of child protection and foster care resources are used, child well-being may be improved and the rate of children of color in foster care could be reduced. Projects will explore and remove barriers to forming lasting families and healthy marriages as a means to promote the well-being of children and families who are at risk of entering, or are already in the child welfare system. Projects will also explore what particular services, delivery, and outreach efforts designed to support the formation and stability of healthy marriages are most effective at helping children and families in targeted communities. Grantees must comply with applicable laws, including those that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, and age in their programs. More information on the HMI is available at <http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/leaving.cgi?>